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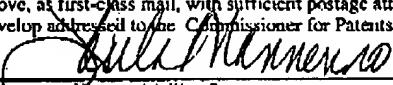
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2005, Paper No. 1, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Arguments/Remarks begin on page 25 of this paper.